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FOR

Further regulating the sale of fermented and distilled liquors by retail on Sunday in Ireland. A.D. 1869.

WHEREAS in Ireland restrictions on the opening of houses for the sale, and on the sale and on the consumption in certain houses, of spirits, cider, wine, and beer, during certain hours on Sunday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day, have been imposed by various Acts of Parliament:

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the "Sale of Liquors on Sunday (Ireland) Act, 1869." Short title.

2. The word "town" in this Act means,— Interpretation: "Town:"

1. Any corporate town; and
2. Any town containing a population of five thousand inhabitants or upwards, as ascertained by the last population return made pursuant to Act of Parliament, and in which there shall be—

Commissioners acting under the Act ninth of George the fourth, chapter eighty-two.

3. From and after the *passing of this Act*, it shall not be lawful for any person licensed to sell beer, ale, cider, wine, or spirits, or any other fermented or distilled liquor, whether to be drunk on the premises or not to be drunk on the premises, to open or keep open any house, shop, or other place for the sale of or to sell beer, ale, cider, wine, or spirits, or other fermented or distilled liquor, except to a traveller, or a lodger therein, at any time on Sunday, Good Friday, or Christmas Day, except between the hours following; that is to say, Restriction on sale of liquors on Sunday, &c.

Between the hours of *two o'clock* and *nine o'clock* of the afternoon in any town; and

Between the hours of *two o'clock* and *seven o'clock* of the afternoon in any rural district.

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Power to magistrates to give to keepers of hotels and inns in rural districts permission to keep open and to sell between 7 and 9 o'clock, p.m.

4. It shall be lawful for the magistrates assembled at petty sessions for the district in which any hotel or inn may be situate to grant permission to any person keeping such inn or hotel to open and keep open such inn or hotel for the sale and to sell beer, ale, cider, wine, and spirits, and other fermented and distilled liquors, between the hours of *seven* and *nine* in the afternoon on Sunday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day, in any rural district: provided always, that such permission shall only be granted on the application of the keeper of such inn or hotel, and that a fortnight's notice at the least of the intention to make such application shall have been given in writing to the clerk of petty sessions of the district in which such inn or hotel is situate, who shall forthwith give notice to each magistrate in such district that such application is intended to be made.

Length of time during which permission shall be in force, and power to revoke the same.

5. Any permission given in pursuance of the last section of this Act shall be in force only for such time (not exceeding one year) as the magistrates think fit, and may be revoked by the magistrates assembled at petty sessions for the district in which the same shall have been granted, on the application of any person who shall show cause to their satisfaction why the same should not be continued: provided always, that a fortnight's notice at the least of the intention to make such application shall have been given in writing to the clerk of petty sessions of the said district, who shall forthwith give notice to each magistrate in such district that such application is intended to be made.

Power to governing body further to restrict sale of liquor on Sunday, &c.

6. The governing body of any town may, by a resolution, declare that for the purposes of this Act such town shall be deemed to be and shall be a rural district, and thereupon all the provisions of this Act shall be applicable to and shall be in force and effect within the limits of such town, as if the same were a rural district.

Resolution.

7. Any resolution by the governing body of any town for the purposes aforesaid shall not have effect unless the same has been agreed to by the governing body in some meeting whereof special notice has been given, and has been confirmed in a subsequent meeting held not sooner than four weeks after the preceding meeting, and which subsequent meeting has been advertised once at least in each of the weeks intervening between the two meetings in some newspaper circulating within the limits of the town, and of which special notice in writing has been given to each member of the governing body, nor until the expiration of one month after the date of such second meeting: provided always, that

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during such month such resolution shall be advertised once at least in each week in some newspaper circulating within the limits of such town, and public notice thereof shall also be given by means of placards posted in public places within the said limits; and if before the expiration of such month a remonstrance in writing against carrying into effect such resolution, signed by a majority of the ratepayers having votes in the election of the governing body, be presented to the governing body, such resolution shall be null and void and shall not have effect.

Penalty for offences against this Act.

8. Every person who shall offend against this Act shall be liable, upon a summary conviction for the same before any justice of the peace for the county, riding, division, liberty, city, borough, police district, or place where the offence shall be committed, to a penalty not exceeding *five pounds* for every such offence, and every separate sale shall be deemed a separate offence.

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Sale of Liquors on Sunday (Ireland).

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For further regulating the sale of fermented and distilled liquors by retail on Sunday in Ireland.

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